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GROTON
New Hampshire



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For the Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 1977

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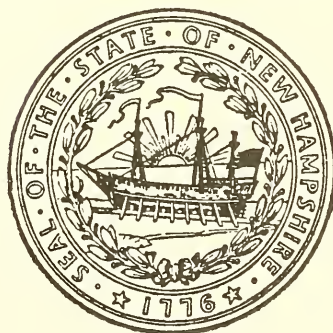
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NEW HAMPSHIRE




FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1977

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TOWN OFFICERS
12/31/77

Moderator
Paul Buck

Selectmen

James J. Albert — Samuel Abbott — Richard Humphrey

Town Clerk
Bonnie Lee Albert

Police
David J. Albert

Tax Collector
Bonnie Lee Albert

Constable
Richard W. Clancy

Treasurer
Helen Albert

Health Officers
Selectmen

Road Agent
Lewis J. Albert

Librarian
Katherine Buck

Library Trustees
Bonnie Lee Albert — Verna Matthews — Elizabeth Abbott

Fire Warden
C. Denis Matthews

Deputy Wardens
David J. Albert — James J. Albert — Floyd Colby Sr. — James Parris
Lewis J. Albert — Edward Smith

Supervisors of Checklist
Judith Dill — Elaine Karkheck — Yvonne Stevens

Trustee of Trust Funds
Elizabeth Abbott

SELECTMEN'S LETTER

The cooperation of the townspeople has resulted in a good year in the operation of Town affairs in Groton. Your three inexperienced Selectmen appreciate your help and are pleased that the Monday evening meetings have been orderly and peaceable. We hope that all concerned feel that they have been heard and treated fairly.

The increase in the tax rate is distressing. The eighteen cent or twenty-one plus percent rise is due largely to a loss of about \$400,000 in assessment due to Land Use. We hope that the increase can be held down next year, but it must be recognized that the Newfound District's withdrawal from the Supervisory Union will most likely result in an increase in the school tax.

The tax map, with revisions, and certain assessments has been a problem this year, resulting in more expense than anticipated. However, most of the difficulties in procedures seem to have been ironed out so that things should go more smoothly in the future, with much less cost. Still, it will be a number of years before all of the inaccuracies in the maps can be found and corrected. Meanwhile it will be helpful if all who have real evidence, such as surveys, papers, or knowledge of markers, related to errors, will bring it to the Selectmen so that we can transmit it to the Eastern Appraisals.

We hope that those who have seen the renovated Selectmen's office like it. Not only are the rooms more attractive, but they are certainly less drafty and more comfortable.

Since no bids were received for the purchase of the Clifton Hutchins house near the town garage, the building was converted for storage of the forest fire fighting and Road Agent's equipment and supplies. It is planned to complete this work out of 1978 appropriations.

The annual patching up of inadequately-built town roads has continued, but it appears to be, for the long run, an uneconomical and rather useless procedure. Therefore, the Selectmen hope that the Town will decide to undertake the rebuilding of a section of road at a time, so that annual maintenance costs can be decreased.

We wish to thank the Town officers, election officials, Road Agent, police officers, and work crews for their fine work during the year.

Again we express our thanks to all townspeople for their help and cooperation. We look forward with faith to continued progress in the operation of the Town of Groton.

Samuel L. Abbott
Richard Humphrey
James J. Albert

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the North Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, next, at three of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects: (polls will be open 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Business Meeting (all articles except article #1) will be taken up at 6:00 p.m.)

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing.
3. To see if the Town will vote to give a two percent discount on taxes paid within fifteen days after tax collector's mailing date.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer, lease, rent, sell or convey or otherwise dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town by any tax collector's deed.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and pay the obligations of the Town.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and authorize the Selectmen to place in the Capital Reserve Funds the following: a. \$1,000 for a new Town truck ; b. \$1,500 for a new sander.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$283.73 in order to secure from the State the sum of \$1,891.51 for Class IV and V highways.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80.00 for the continuance of the Baker River Audio Visual Center established by Federal Grant in 1974.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$372.00 for the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for summer and winter maintenance of highways, and authorize the withdrawal of \$3,699.18 from the Revenue Sharing Fund with the remaining \$8,300.82 to be raised from taxes.

11. To see if the Town will vote to continue plowing driveways with the rate increased to \$50 per driveway, exempting from the fee residents on Social Security or receiving elderly exemptions.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500 for the sealing and repair of Town roads.

13. To see what action the Town will take on the dump, and vote to raise and appropriate for same.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$94.50 for a membership in the Bristol Community Center in order that Groton residents may participate in activities at the Center.

15. To see what action the Town will take on the Planning Board's proposal (laid on the table for one year by the 1977 Annual Town Meeting): postponed from 1977 Meeting.

To see what action the Town will take on Planning Board proposals as follows:

- a. Minimum house lots:
 - 1. size-2 acres
 - 2. 100 ft. min. road frontage
 - 3. no subdivision
 - 4. no buildings 50 ft. from all boundaries, incl. roads
- b. Building permits required
 - 1. alterations of existing buildings
 - 2. apertinent structures
 - 3. new buildings
 - 4. 1.00 charge
 - 5. issued by Planning Board
 - 6. \$500 fine for failure to comply
- c. Roads:

STREETS

Definitions

A. **Street** - Includes street, avenue, boulevard, road, alley, highway, and other way, exclusive of driveways serving not more than two adjacent lots.

B. **Right-of-Way** - The total width of street that will accommodate the construction, adequate drainage, and proper maintenance of a roadway.

Street Requirements

1. Approval of general development Street Plan should be required before allowing construction of small integral phases of the plan.
2. Streets shall be logically related to the topography so as to produce suitable lots and reasonable grades.
3. All streets named without duplication nor bear phonetic resemblance to the names of existing streets within the town.
4. Grades - maximum grade of 10%.
5. Subgrade Preparation-all loam and other yielding material shall be removed from the roadway and replaced with suitable fill material. All boulders and ledge shall be removed to a uniform cross sectional depth of not less than 12 inches below the subgrade and replaced with gravel.
6. Right-of-Way - Shall not be less than 50 ft. in width and may be required to be more if warranted in the opinion of Planning Board.
7. Drainage - Surface water shall be disposed of by means of culverts of sufficient capacity at water courses as determined by standard hydraulic design methods and by construction of the longitudinal - storm drainage system whenever required to relieve water in the ditch sections. Construction in accordance with N.H. Standard Spec. 1969 Sects. 603 and 604.
8. Gravel Base - All streets shall be constructed with a minimum of 12 inches of gravel per N.H. Standard Spec. 1969 Sect. 304.
9. Asphalt Surface - The asphalt surface may be Bituminous Surface Treatment, Spec. Sec. 410, or Hot Bituminous Pavement, Sect. 403, as required by Planning Board. The minimum width shall be 20 feet.
10. Gravel Surface - In unusual cases of low traffic volumes where the Planning Board feels an asphalt surface is not required the total usable roadway width shall be a minimum of 28 ft. so that the ultimate design may be a 20 ft. asphalt surface with 4 ft. gravel shoulders.

11. Gravel Shoulders - A 4 ft. gravel shoulder, equal to the base course depth shall be constructed adjacent to 20 ft. asphalt surfaces.

12. Dead End Street - Shall not be more than 1000 ft. in length with a designed turning area at the closed end. This turning area may be of circular shape with a minimum radius of 50 ft. from the center to the outside edge of the right-of-way.

13. Bridges - On stream crossings of 10 ft. or more span, the structure shall be designed to H 15 - S 20 loading (AASHTO Spec.). The minimum roadway width shall be 24 ft.

14. Construction Supervision - Construction of the street, drainage facilities, sidewalks, curbs, and all other elements of the street must be done under supervision of and with the approval of the Planning Board or their designate.

16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Groton Civic Center Building, formerly known as the Groton School House.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to purchase and improve the two Marcus' lots adjacent to the present beach at Spectacle Pond in order to provide more parking and pond access space.

18. To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the office of Secretary to the Selectmen (submitted by petition).

19. To Transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 6th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy eight.

Samuel L. Abbott
Richard Humphrey
James J. Albert
Selectmen of Groton

A True Copy of Warrant-Attest

Samuel L. Abbott
Richard Humphrey
James J. Albert
Selectmen of Groton

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Land	\$4,894,735
Buildings	2,008,481
Electric Lines	412,679

Total Before Exemptions	\$7,315,895
Elderly Exemptions (5)	25,000

Net Valuation on Which Tax is Computed	\$7,290,895
Number of Inventories Mailed	323
Date Mailed	3-24-77
Number Returned	298
Number of Property Owners Applying for Current Use	7
Number of Property Owners Granted Current Use	7
Number of Acres Under Current Use:	2,148.5
Computation of Rate: \$7,290,895 x \$1.03 = \$75,096.22	
Gross Property Taxes Assessed	\$75,096.22
Less Estimated War Serv. Credits	1,100.00

Net Property Commitment*	\$73,996.22

*subject to any adjustment by reason of increase or decrease in war service tax credits.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land & Bldgs.	\$ 5,000
Furniture & Equipment	2,000
Libraries, Land & Bldg.	1,500
Furniture & Equipment	1,000
Police	1,750
Fire	500
Highway Dept., Land & Bldgs.	500
Truck	9,000
other equipment	500
School, Land & Bldgs.	1,000
Selectmen's Office	3,000
Equipment	1,000
Town Dump	1,500

Total	\$28,250

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF GROTON
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenues for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978 [1978-79]
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,238.59	\$ 5,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,500.00	2,315.21	2,500.00
Election	650.00	343.42	400.00
Town Hall & other bldgs.	1,500.00	2,235.89	2,500.00
Police	2,500.00	2,478.11	2,500.00
Fire	1,000.00	1,252.85	1,200.00
Insurance	2,500.00	2,614.00	2,600.00
Planning	500.00	15.60	50.00
Legal	500.00	421.71	500.00
Health	600.00	635.00	700.00
Dump	2,000.00	1,342.29	2,000.00
Summer and Winter Maintenance*	12,000.00	10,166.41	12,000.00
Street Lights	275.00	221.11	250.00
General Highway Expense	2,500.00	1,926.79	2,500.00
TRA	285.55	3,473.57	283.73
Libraries	600.00	600.00	700.00
Town Poor	200.00	130.00	200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00	325.75	500.00
Patriotic	0	16.24	50.00
Recreation	200.00	0	200.00
Cemeteries	500.00	210.89	0
Regional Association	0	220.00	250.00
Bounties	5.00	1.00	0
Interest on Temp. Loans	500.00	1,083.33	1,200.00
Assessing & Mapping	2,957.39	7,841.21	1,500.00
Sealing	7,500.00	7,412.72	7,500.00
School	39,000.00	29,340.15	32,000.00
County	9,500.00	5,598.52	10,598.52
New Equipment	500.00	0	0
Beach	0	0	9,000.00
Community Center	0	0	94.50
Baker River Audio Visual	80.00	80.00	80.00
Capital Reserve			
Truck	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sander	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
*less revenue sharing	-2,716.99	-2,716.99	-3,699.18
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	\$96,555.95	\$87,323.37	\$98,157.57

	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978 [1978-79]
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
State:			
Gas Tax	\$ 0	\$ 77.16	\$80.00
Police Radio	0	899.00	0
Interest & Dividends	300.00	538.59	500.00
TRA	1,903.68	2,244.52	1,891.51
Savings Bank Tax	0	131.76	135.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,000.00	1,098.86	1,100.00
Yield Overpyt.	0	15.80	0
Reimb. OAA	0	538.23	0
Reimb. Forest Land	250.00	219.60	220.00
Reimb. Business Profits	200.00	112.86	115.00
Highway Subsidy	3,424.34	3,424.34	3,397.24
Reimb. Recreation Lands	20.00	0	15.45
Local:			
Dog Licenses	100.00	145.80	150.00
Filing Fees	25.00	12.00	15.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	2,500.00	3,989.50	4,000.00
Interest on Deposits, Taxes	300.00	327.31	325.00
Income from Trusts	0	628.10	0
Resident Taxes	1,200.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Yield Taxes	1,500.00	2,374.60	2,500.00
Rent of Town Property	1,200.00	1,566.00	1,565.00
Sale of Town Property	0	5.00	0
Selectmen's Permits	0	279.00	200.00
Gifts	100.00	115.00	100.00
Redeposit Taxpayer's Returned Checks	25.00	0	0
Revenue Sharing	3,000.00	2,716.99	3,699.18
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Total Revenue from all Sources (except Taxes)	\$17,048.02	\$22,710.02	\$21,258.38
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Estimated Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes			\$76,899.19
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Total Revenues			\$98,157.57

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR TAX YEAR 1977

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 5,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,500.00
Election and Registration	650.00
Town Hall and other Bldgs.	1,500.00
Police Department	2,500.00
Fire Department	1,000.00
Insurance	2,500.00
Planning and Zoning	500.00
Damages and Legal	500.00
Health	600.00
Baker River Audio Visual	80.00
Town Dump	2,000.00
Summer and Winter Roads	12,000.00
Street Lights	275.00
General Highway Expenses	2,500.00
Town Road Aid	285.55
Libraries	600.00
Town Poor	200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00
Recreation	200.00
Cemeteries	500.00
New Highway Equipment	500.00
Sealing	7,500.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	500.00
Capital Reserve: Town Truck	1,000.00
Sander	1,500.00

Less Estimated Revenues & Credits:

Interest and Dividends Tax	538.59
Interest Rec'd on Deposits	300.00
Crime Comm.	47.00
Res. Tax Penalties	12.00
Savings Bank Tax	131.76
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,098.80
Duncan Fund	943.50
Reimb. State and Federal Lands	212.60
Interest Rec'd on Taxes	162.00
Yield Tax Revenue	2,340.19
Business Licenses,	
Permits, Filing Fees	28.00

Dog Licenses	156.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,500.00	
Rent of Town Property	1,200.00	
Highway, TRA	2,244.52	
Gifts	115.00	
Reimb. O.A.A.	226.41	
Resident Taxes	1,330.00	
Highway Subsidy	3,424.34	
Gas Tax Refund	77.16	
Reimb. Radio - LEAA	852.00	
Total Town Appropriations		\$47,890.55
Total Revenues and Credits		17,939.87
Net Town Appropriation		29,950.68
Net School Appropriation		31,550.08
County Tax Assessment		10,598.52
Total of Town, School and County		72,099.28
Deduct: Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimb.		216.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits		1,100.00
Add: Overlay		2,112.94
Property Tax To Be Raised		\$75,096.22

BALANCE SHEET
Town of Groton
December 31, 1977

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 2,176.37
Uncollected Taxes:	
Property	12,074.37
Resident	190.00
Yield	433.63
Unredeemed Taxes:	314.48
Unexpended Revenue Sharing	3,699.18
Prepaid Insurance:	1,046.30

TOTAL ASSETS:	\$19,934.33

LIABILITIES

School District Tax Payable	\$15,617.22
County Tax Payable	5,000.00
Prepayments on Property Taxes	31.01

Total Liabilities:	20,648.23
Current Deficit:	(713.90)

TOTAL LIABILITIES & DEFICIT	\$19,934.33

STATEMENT OF DEFICIT
Town of Groton
Year Ended 12-31-77

Balance of Deficit 1-1-77	\$2,957.39
Excess of Liabilities Over Assets	713.90

Deficit 12-31-77	\$3,671.29

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Town of Groton
Year Ended 12-31-77

Revenues:

1977 Property Tax	\$60,849.39
State of New Hampshire	10,259.67
1976 Property Tax	8,498.53
Motor Vehicle Permits	3,989.50
Revenue Sharing	2,716.99
Capital Reserve	2,501.84
1977 Yield Taxes	2,374.60
Plowing	1,566.00
1977 Resident Taxes	1,250.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	658.45
Trust Fund Income	628.10
Interest	327.31
Redeposits Returned Checks	306.00
Bonds on Deposit	250.00
Dog Licenses	145.80
1976 Resident Taxes	130.00
Gifts	115.00
Insurance Refund	99.00
Bldg. and Pistol Permits	29.00
1978 Prepayments on Prop. Tax	31.01
1975 Property Tax	28.40
1976 Resident Tax	12.00
Filing Fees, Bad Check Charge	12.00
1977 Resident Penalties	6.00
1975 Interest	3.26

	\$96,787.85

Expenditures:

School	\$29,340.15
Revaluation	7,841.21
Sealing	7,412.72
County	5,598.52
Winter Maintenance	5,428.16
Officers' Salaries	5,238.59
Summer Maintenance	4,738.25
TRA	3,473.57
Highway Subsidy	3,432.04

Insurance	2,614.00
Capital Reserve	2,500.00
Police	2,478.11
Officers' Expenses	2,315.21
Town Hall and other Bldgs.	2,235.89
General Highway Expenses	1,926.79
Dump	1,342.29
Fire	1,252.85
Interest	1,083.33
Health	635.00
Library	600.00
Legal	421.71
Elections	343.42
Tax Sale	328.61
OAA	325.75
Street Lights	221.11
Advertising and Regional Assoc.	220.00
Cemeteries	210.89
Refunds	164.71
Town Poor	130.00
State of New Hampshire	360.24
Patriotic	16.24
Planning	15.60
Bounty	1.00
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	\$94,245.96

PETTY CASH SUMMARY

Cash on Hand 1-1-77	\$ 6.74
Received from Selectmen	
3-21-77	30.00
7-25-77	30.00
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	66.74
Expenditures:	
Stamps for dog notices, tax bills (residents, property and yield), office supplies, notices of interest due, money orders, certified mail for tax sale accounts.	
	-65.97
Cash on Hand 12-31-77	\$.77

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

77 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$3,989.50
Dog Tags, \$157.50	
Less Clerk's Fees, \$11.70	145.80
Filing Fees	7.00
Plowing Drives	1,566.00
Penalty, Taxpayer's Bad Check Charge	5.00
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	\$5,713.50

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Lee Albert
Clerk

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I did not perform a certified audit for the Town of Groton as regards the financial statements at December 31, 1977. However, I did perform a town audit following all procedures as prescribed by the Division of Municipal Accounting of the State of New Hampshire and found no material misstatements.

Bedor and Associates
Plymouth, N.H.

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT & YIELD TAXES**

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:	78	77	76	75	74
Property		73,981.66	8,288.59	28.40	25.89
Resident		1,310.00	230.00		
Yield		2,808.23			
Prepayments on Prop.	31.01				
Added Taxes:					
Property		102.47			
Resident		170.00			
Overpayment			222.70		
Interest Collected			327.31	3.26	
Penalties Collected		6.00	12.00		
	<u>\$31.01</u>	<u>\$78,378.36</u>	<u>\$9,080.60</u>	<u>\$31.66</u>	<u>\$25.89</u>

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:					
Property		60,846.09	8,184.05	28.40	
Prepayments on Prop.	31.01				
Resident		1,250.00	130.00		
Yield		2,374.60			
Tax Sale			314.48		
Discounts Allowed		1,045.15			
Interest Collected			327.31	3.26	
Penalties Collected		6.00	12.00		
Abatements					
Property	118.52	10.20		25.89	
Residents		40.00	100.00		
Uncollected:					
Property		12,074.37	2.56		
Resident		190.00			
Yield		433.63			
	<u>\$31.01</u>	<u>\$78,378.36</u>	<u>\$9,080.60</u>	<u>\$31.66</u>	<u>\$25.89</u>

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS
Year Ended 12-31-77

DR.

	1976	1975	1974
Balance Unredeemed 1-1-77		216.03	462.34
Taxes Sold to Town	314.48		
Interest Collected after Sale	3.00	30.13	41.32
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	\$317.48	\$246.16	\$503.66

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions		216.03	367.97
Interest & Costs After Sale	3.00	30.13	41.32
Abatements			94.37
Unredeemed Taxes 12-31-77	314.48		
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	\$317.48	\$246.16	\$503.66

Respectfully submitted,
 Bonnie Lee Albert
 Collector

REPORT OF TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Bonnie Lee Albert, Collector

1975 Property tax	\$28.40
1975 Interest	3.26
1976 Property tax	8,184.05
1976 Interest	327.31
1976 Resident tax	130.00
1976 Resident tax penalties	12.00
1977 Yield tax	2,374.60
1977 Resident tax	1,250.00
1977 Resident tax penalties	6.00
Taxes Redeemed	658.45
1976 Tax Sale (Bought by Town)	314.48
1977 Property tax	60,849.39
1978 Property tax credit	31.01

U.S. Treasury

Anti-recession fund	227.00
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State of N.H.

Federal & State Grant (Police Radio)	399.00
Highway Subsidy	3,424.34
Reimb. a/c State & Federal Forest Land	219.60
Gasoline Tax Refund	77.16
Duncan Fund	943.50
Business Profits tax	112.86
Interest & Dividends tax	538.59
Bank tax	131.76
Highway (T.R.A.)	2,244.52
Meals and Rooms tax	1,098.86
Reimb. a/c State owned Rec. land	15.45
Reimb. a/c overpayment yield tax	15.80
Reimb. O.A.A.	538.23

Pemigewasset National Bank

Temporary loans	50,000.00
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Town Clerk

1977 Motor Vehicle Permits	3,989.50
Dog tax	145.80

Plowing Driveways	1,566.00
Filing Fees	7.00
Penalty charge (Bad check)	5.00
Helen Albert, Trustee	
Capitol Reserve Fund (tax maps)	2,501.84
Longyear Foundation	
Contribution to Town	100.00
Gift to Police Dept.	15.00
Selectmen	
Building Permits	15.00
Pistol Permits	14.00
Timber tax bonds	250.00
Helen Albert, Treasurer	
Revenue Sharing Fund	2,716.99
Bristol Real Estate & Ins.	
Insurance Adj.	99.00
Trustee of Trust Fund	
All accrued interest	628.10
Individual Taxpayers	
Redeposit of returned checks	303.84
Redeposit of uncashed checks	2.16
TOTAL	<u>\$147,014.85</u>
CASH ON HAND JAN. 1, 1977	154.26
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$147,169.11</u>

PAYMENTS

Selectmen's orders paid	\$144,992.74
BALANCE	<u>\$ 2,176.37</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Helen L. Albert
Treasurer

REVENUE SHARING FUND

Balance beginning of year 1/1/77	\$2,716.99
Deposits	3,472.00
Interest	227.18

TOTAL	\$6,416.17
Withdrawal 11/1/77	2,716.99

BALANCE	\$3,699.18

AUDITORS REPORT REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

I have examined the accounts and records of the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Groton, N.H. for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1977.

In my opinion the above statement of Revenue, Appropriations, Encumbrances, and Available Unobligated Funds presents fairly the revenue, expenditures, and encumbrances incurred, and status of Revenue Sharing Funds of the Town of Groton, N.H. for the year ended December 31, 1977.

Bedor & Associates
Auditor, Town of Groton, N.H.
Date: Jan. 31, 1978

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue

Taxes	\$74,168.95
From State	10,259.67
From Federal	227.00
From Local Sources, Town Clerk	5,713.30
Proceeds temp. loans	50,000.00
Capital Reserve	2,501.84
Selectmen, permits	279.00
Revenue Sharing	2,716.99
Insurance refund	99.00
Trustee of Trusts	628.10
Taxpayers, bad checks	306.00
Gifts	115.00

Sub Total	\$147,014.85
Cash on hand 1-1-77	154.26

Total	\$147,169.11

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Current

General Government, Officers' Salaries	\$5,238.59
Town Officers' Expenses	2,315.21
Election	343.42
Town Hall & other bldgs.	2,235.89
Police	2,478.11
Fire	1,252.85
Planning	15.60
Insurance	2,614.00
Bounty	1.00
Health	635.00
Dump	1,342.29
TRA	3,473.57
Summer maintenance	4,738.25
Winter maintenance	5,428.16
Sealing	7,412.72

Highway Subsidy	3,432.04
General highway expense	1,926.79
Street lights	221.11
Library	600.00
Patriotic	16.24
Old Age Assistance	325.75
Town Poor	130.00
Cemeteries	210.89
Unclassified: Advertising, regional assoc.	220.00
taxes bought by town	328.61
refunds	164.71
legal	421.71
employee tax withheld	(191.60)
interest on temporary loans	1,083.33
Principal, temporary loans	50,000.00
Capital Reserve	2,500.00
Revaluation	7,841.21
County Tax	5,598.52
School District payment	29,340.15
Revenue Sharing, antirecession	227.00
State 2% yield tax	360.24
Redeposit taxpayers bad checks	519.78
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Sub Total	\$144,992.74

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Samuel Abbott, Chmn, Selectman	\$ 900.00
Richard Humphrey, Selectman	800.00
James J. Albert, Selectman	800.00
Bonnie Lee Albert, Collector & Clerk	1,347.89
Helen L. Albert, Treasurer	500.00
Mildred Schweitzer, Collector & Clerk	56.95
Elizabeth Abbott, Trustee of Trust Funds	20.00
Richard W. Clancy, Secretary	600.00
Helen Albert, Secretary	90.00
Bonnie Lee Albert, Secretary	123.75
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	\$ 5,238.59

Town Officers' Expenses

New England Telephone, phone	\$ 114.31
Norma Anderson, secretarial	27.87
Bonnie Lee Albert, expenses	69.52
Helen L. Albert, expenses	68.45
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	41.04
Postmaster, Hebron, N.H., stamps	161.00
Mtn. Media, printing	979.30
Sears, Roebuck, supplies	103.65
Harold Brundrett, safe repair	101.50
Bonnie Lee Albert, petty cash	60.00
Wheeler & Clark, supplies	16.02
Shirley Willey, cleaning	2.75
Louise Martell, cleaning	6.88
Richard W. Clancy, expenses	78.39
Enterprise Press, printing	29.20
Branham Publishing, auto reference bks.	14.75
Homestead Press, printing	66.01
Barbara Fortier, register	.20
Paul Buck, auditing	187.50
N.H. Municipal Assoc., lectures	25.00
Samuel Abbott, expenses	63.00
Dept. of Revenue Admin. boat report	.75
Richard Humphrey, expenses	12.00
Town of Plymouth, copying	4.40
IBM, typewriter service	81.72
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	\$ 2,315.21

Election & Registration Expense

Elaine Karkheck, supervisor	\$ 31.25
Judith Dill, supervisor	25.50
Yvonne Stevens, supervisor	31.00
Zelma Watts, ballot clerk	16.50
Beatrice Smith, ballot clerk	16.50
Bonnie Albert, ballot clerk	16.50
Barbara Hobart, ballot clerk	16.50
Paul Buck, moderator	24.00

Ralph Dill, officer	27.62
Norma Anderson, clerk, pro tem	22.00
Ed Smith, plowing town house	45.00
Enterprise Press, printing	20.80
Mtn. Media, ballots	50.25
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	\$ 343.42

Town Hall & Other Bldgs.

N.H. Electric Coop., power	\$ 160.33
Andy's Oil, oil	289.17
Chas. A. Carr Co., gas	106.24
Louise Martell, cleaning, tn. hse.	9.63
Norris Smith, mowing tn. hse.	15.00
Ed Smith, equipment rent	36.00
Raymond Keniston, lumber	115.00
George Merrill, labor	420.00
John Matthews, labor	1,072.57
Prescott Lumber Co., materials	11.95
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	\$ 2,235.89

Police

David J. Albert, time & expense	\$ 355.09
Alexander Lennox, time & expense	540.40
Ralph Dill, time & expense	369.34
Richard W. Clancy, time & expense	45.35
Wright Communications, radio installation & repair	110.70
N.H. Ordinance, pistol	191.87
Trumbull Hardware, supplies	8.98
Enterprise Press, notices	11.20
Mtn. Media, tickets	18.75
Home Safety Equipment, equipment	90.80
Mack's Men's Shop, uniform	49.85
W.S. Darley, equipment	62.23
Kidder's Radio, supplies	6.95
Ben's Uniform, supplies, equipment	142.46
Village Press, printed forms	13.47
Brooks Auto, light bar	368.29
Saso, equipment	65.38
SPCA, dog laws	2.00
Grafton Cty. Sheriff's Aux. services	25.00
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	\$ 2,478.11

Fire

Town of Hebron, reimb. Lawson fire	\$ 39.50
Hebron Fire Dept., appropriation	500.00
Rumney Fire Dept., appropriation	500.00
C. McCloud, equipment	51.60
Town of Hebron, A. Brown fires	107.75
Town of Hebron, red phone	54.00
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	\$ 1,252.85

Planning

Bristol Enterprise, printing notice	\$ 15.60
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Health

Pemi-Baker Home Health, appropriation	\$ 330.00
Baker River Audio Visual, appropriation	80.00
Newfound Ambulance, appropriation	225.00
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	\$ 635.00

Bounties

Michael Clark	\$ 1.00
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Insurance

John C. Ray Agency, Insurance	\$ 835.00
Bristol Real Estate & Insurance, insurance	1,779.00
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	\$ 2,614.00

Highway Subsidy

Campton Sand & Gravel, cold patch	\$ 356.56
Peter Samuelson, blasting	200.00
International Salt Co., salt	1,583.48
Ed Smith, truck, dozer, grader hire	552.50
Lewis Albert, truck, dozer, grader hire	627.00
James J. Albert, truck, dozer, grader hire	24.00
Raymond Davis, sand	88.50
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(amt. to acct for: \$ 3,424.35)	\$ 3,432.04

Town Dump

Everett Hobart, caretaker	\$ 830.50
Lewis Albert, labor	78.75
Mtn. Media, stickers	20.00
Merrimack Farmers, supplies	27.46

Nicholas Adams, labor	30.88
John Matthews, labor	101.99
Enterprise Press, notice	16.80
Pamela Trombley, signs	70.76
Ed Smith, equipment	136.65
Raymond Davis, equipment	7.00
Nicholas Adams, equipment	2.00
Ken Martell, labor	19.50

\$ 1,342.29

TRA

State of N.H., Duncan Fund	\$ 943.50
State of N.H., appropriation	285.55
Lewis Albert, labor	220.00
Nicholas Adams, labor	53.10
Richard W. Clancy, labor	53.10
Freeman Patten, labor	99.12
Robert J. Higgins, equipment	369.60
James Speed, labor & equipment	108.00
Ed Smith, equipment	1,341.60

\$ 3,473.57

Sealing

Lewis Albert, labor	\$ 455.00
Nicholas Adams, labor	412.75
Paul Norman, labor	19.50
Tony Albert, labor	9.75
Charles Matthews, labor	9.75
Ed Smith, equipment	2,765.10
Town of Hebron, equipment	77.20
Lewis Albert, equipment	30.00
James J. Albert, equipment	40.00
Irving MacDonald, equipment	297.00
Nellie Ashley, gravel	602.00
Larry Ryea, equipment	159.00
Armco Steel, culverts	2,535.67

\$ 7,412.72

Street Lights

N.H. Electric Coop, power	\$ 221.11
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Revenue Sharing

Treas., Town of Groton, antirecession funds	\$ 227.00
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Winter Maintenance

Lewis Albert, labor	\$ 1,175.25
Nicholas Adams, labor	894.41
Ernest Matthews, labor	19.25
Michael Hobart, labor	273.13
Paul Norman, labor	176.64
Ken Martell, labor	89.13
Gordon Matthews, labor	6.50
Lee Adams, labor	19.50
Lewis Albert, equipment	1,389.00
Freeman Patten, equipment	65.00
James J. Albert, equipment	40.00
Ed Smith, equipment	795.00
Irving MacDonald, equipment	13.00
Raymond Davis, equipment	217.50
Alice Mae Adams, trip for parts	15.00
John Jurta Jr., truck	172.00
Merrimack Farmers, stockpile cover	67.85
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	\$ 5,428.16

Summer Maintenance

Lewis Albert, labor	\$ 827.75
Nicholas Adams, labor	450.13
Ernest Matthews, Jr. labor	6.50
Gordon Coursey, labor	6.50
Chas. Matthews, labor	3.25
Roland Matthews, labor	3.25
Paul Norman, labor	149.50
Freeman Patten, labor	16.25
David Norman, labor	20.13
Tony Albert, labor	8.75
Michael Hobart, labor	58.50
Edward Smith, equipment & gravel	1,471.10
Irving MacDonald, equipment	455.00
James Albert, equipment	31.00
Lewis Albert, equipment	127.50
Freeman Patten, repairs	275.00
Town of Hebron, equipment	60.00
Robert Higgins, equipment	270.67
James Speed, equipment	36.00
Caledonia Sand & Gravel, gravel	310.00
Pam Trombley, signs	15.00
Campton Sand & Gravel, cold patch	136.47
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	\$ 4,738.25

General Highway Expenses

Yeaton Oil, gas	\$ 786.22
Webster Motors, repairs	32.89
Sanel Auto, parts	21.00
H&K Shell, parts & repair	96.74
Spear's Garage, repairs	230.64
Sanborns, repairs	98.07
Robbins Auto Parts, parts	52.85
Trumbull's Hardware, supplies	58.09
Chas. Gould, repairs	48.14
Shortt's Garage, supplies	20.00
Brooks Auto, parts, cb's	349.82
R.C. Hazelton, parts	41.15
Central N.H. Tractor, parts	10.10
Paul Adams, wing pulley	10.00
Lubrication Engineers, oil	71.08
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	\$ 1,926.79

Library

Groton Library, appropriation	\$ 600.00
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Old Age Assistance

State of N.H.	\$ 325.75
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Town Poor

2 months rent for Groton resident (name withheld)	130.00
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Revaluation & Mapping

Eastern Appraisal Co., services	\$ 7,841.21
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Legal

Murphy & McLaughlin, Newberry petition	\$ 421.71
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Payments to State of N.H.

Treas. 2% bond & debt retirement (yield taxes)	\$ 360.24
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Temporary Loans

Pemigewasset National Bank, principal	\$ 50,000.00
interest	1,083.33

County Tax		
Grafton County, partial 1977	\$	5,598.52
Patriotic		
H.A. Holt, flag	\$	16.24
Cemeteries		
Prescott Lumber Co., material	\$	22.06
Ken Martell, labor		142.50
Trumbull Hardware, supplies		10.58
David Norman, labor		26.00
Paul Norman, labor		9.75
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	\$	210.89
Withholding		
Internal Revenue Service, 1977 with.	\$	185.90
Internal Revenue Service, 1976 adj.		5.70
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	\$	191.60
Adv. & Regional Assoc.		
N.H. Town Clerks Assoc., dues	\$	10.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc., dues		200.00
N.H. Tax Collector Assoc., dues		10.00
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	\$	220.00
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds		
Walter Stevens, refund	\$	24.09
Helena Jewell, refund		50.09
Helen Minnich, refund		47.00
Lorena Brown, refund		1.81
Richard Fischer, refund		41.72
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	\$	164.71
Tax Sale		
Town of Groton	\$	314.48
Reg. of Deeds - Recording		14.13
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	\$	328.61
Capital Reserve		
Trustee of Trust Funds		
truck	\$	1,000.00
sander		1,500.00
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	\$	2,500.00
School		
Newfound Area School District, appropriation	\$	29,340.15

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

PAYMENTS JAN. 1 1977 thru DEC. 31, 1977

Kathy Buck, Material reimb. & services	\$283.29
National Geographic Society	23.40
World Book Encyclopedia	9.60
Brodart Inc.	138.30
Nathaniel Dame & Co.	33.57
Virginia Hikel, services	92.12
Silver Burdett Co.	30.32
Bank service charge	3.54

TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$614.14
BALANCE DEC. 31, 1977	151.46

GRAND TOTAL	\$765.60

RECEIPTS JAN. 1 1977 thru DEC. 31, 1977

Cash on hand Jan. 1 1977	\$4.31
Selectmen's Appropriation	600.00
Refund - Regent Book Co.	1.54
Dividends from Marjorie Warner Funds	9.75
Donation - Shelves	150.00

TOTAL	\$765.60

Respectfully submitted,
Helen L. Albert
Library Treasurer

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books purchased 1977	
Adult (fiction and non-fiction)	25
Juvenile (fiction and non-fiction)	43
Books donated - 1977	
Adult (fiction and non-fiction - hardcover only)	3
Juvenile (fiction and non-fiction - hardcover only)	4
Books owned January, 1977	1,963

	2,038
Books discarded / sold	36

TOTAL books owned as of December 31, 1977	2,032
Books borrowed from bookmobile	1,272
Services:	
Adult volumes loaned	537
Juvenile volumes loaned	544
Magazines loaned	136
Other items loaned (record, filmstrips and other media)	71

	1,288

In addition to the regular book purchases, a record collection was begun with the purchase of three sets of albums. Audio-visual materials such as film - strips and tapes, a viewing machine, tape recorder, slide machine, and tape decks are also available for patrons use through our membership in the Baker River Audio Visual Center.

Library hours were held regularly throughout the school months on Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Summer hours were Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Several pre-school story hours were held during the spring months with eight children attending, and the summer workshop was held during July with an average of fifteen children attending each of the four programs.

Katherine Buck
Librarian

GROTON POLICE DEPT. REPORT

We have purchased a substantial amount of badly needed equipment in an effort to meet minimum standards for citizen safety.

Both Chief Albert and Constable Clancy are enrolled for state certification for part-time officers, which is expected to be a requirement for all officers within the next bienium.

We would like to thank Sheriff Herbert Ash and his department for their continued support and assistance.

Sculptured Rocks is a continuing cause of concern both from the campers and forest fire danger, and by the increased traffic to and from the area during the daytime as evidenced by litter and speeding, particularly on weekends.

The following numbers should be used whenever requiring assistance:

1-800-552-0393 (toll free) Grafton County Dispatch
744-8664 David J. Albert, Chief
744-3666 Richard W. Clancy, Constable

We ask all citizens to make note of any suspicious activity including cruising vehicles with no apparent destination, strangers near unoccupied houses, or unusual noises. DO NOT delay in notifying the police, and try to jot down registration numbers and vehicle descriptions. The success of your police department depends in large measure upon an alert and involved community.

David J. Albert, Chief

NEWFOUND AREA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION **1977**

Received from five towns	\$4,400.00
Donations	540.00
Bank Interest	148.00
Savings Account	607.38
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	\$5,695.38

Paid to Fred V. Emmons	3,500.00
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Balance on hand	\$2,195.38

Total calls	217
Unpaid calls	82
Alexandria	15
Ashland	1
Bridgewater	8
Bristol	150
Danbury	3
Groton	1
Hebron	9
Hill	4
I-93	2
New Hampton	24
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REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Forest fire control in New Hampshire is a joint state and town responsibility (RSA 224).

The Director, Division of Forests and Lands (State Forester) appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy fire wardens in each town upon the recommendation of local authorities.

The local forest fire warden is responsible for forest fire prevention and fire suppression activities in his town. He regulates the kindling of outside fires when the ground is not covered with snow by the issuance of written permits only when conditions are safe. He is responsible for suppression with the town and state sharing the cost. Suppression costs in excess of 1/4 of 1% of the assessed valuation of the town are assumed by the state.

The state provides training for the local fire organization and helps coordinate activities between towns. The state also supports local forces with backup personnel, equipment, and supplies for suppression and prevention.

This combination of state and town cooperation, started in 1893, works well for New Hampshire has enjoyed one of the smallest acreage losses due to forest fires in the United States for the past 25 years.

1977 FOREST FIRE STATISTICS

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres Burned
State	1,091	2,386
District	40	49.1
Town	0	0
John Q. Ricard		C. Denis Matthews
District Fire Chief		Forest Fire Warden

**TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
CAPITAL RESERVE**

TOWN TRUCK FUND

Balance on hand 1-1-77 acct. #50683	\$2,502.72
3-28-77 Town Appropriation	1,000.00
4- 1-77 Interest	44.78
12- 1-77 Interest	128.58
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Total Available 12-31-77	\$3,676.08

TOWN SANDER FUND

3-28-77 Town Appropriation	\$1,500.00
4- 7-77 Dividend from Bristol Savings Bank old account #1.	19.32
5- 1-77 Interest	7.42
5-27-77 Proceeds from sale of shares of Bristol Bank #2	144.00
8- 1-77 Interest	21.84
8- 8-77 Interest on Bristol Bank shares (above)	4.50
9- 1-77 Interest	7.54
12- 1-77 Interest	22.77
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	\$1,727.39
#1. & 2. less interest paid to Kidder, Peabody Co. present owners of above bank stock	-4.50
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12-31-77 Total Available in Sander Fund	\$1,722.89

Note: In March 1977, the Bristol Bank distributed shares and fractional shares to all owners-depositors who had a balance of \$5 or more in the Bristol Savings Bank on June 1, 1974. This followed unification of the First National Bank of Bristol and the Bristol Savings Bank, effective Jan. 1, 1977. Groton received 9 shares of stock in the Bristol Bank, plus \$19.32 for the value of a partial share because a capital reserve fund had been on deposit in the Bristol Savings Bank June 1, 1974. A \$4.50 dividend on Bristol Bank shares was received after the shares had been sold. Therefore, the \$4.50 was sent to Kidder, Peabody Co., the then owners of the stock.

TOWN TAX MAP FUND

Balance on hand 1-1-77 acct. #52381	\$2,501.84
1-18-77 Paid to Town of Groton	2,501.84

Account closed	-0-

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE INCOME AND EXPENSES OF CEMETERIES

Cash balance forward 1-1-77			
Savings acct.	#25171	\$183.63	
	25172	325.82	
	36736	448.36	
			\$957.81
Income Received	25171	10.01	
	25172	17.78	
	36736	24.48	
			52.27
Expenses:			
Paid to Town of Groton		628.10	
			-628.10

			\$381.98
Balance on Hand 12-31-77			
Savings Acct.	#25171	\$50.00	
	25172	100.00	
	36736	231.98	

			\$381.98

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Abbott, Trustee

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

In Laconia, March 9, 1977, Heather Ann Reid, daughter of Robert and Beryl Reid.

In Laconia, June 4, 1977, Jennifer Rae Anderson, daughter of William and Norma Anderson.

In Franklin, July 30, 1977, Alyssa Dawn Moyer, daughter of Robert & Laurel Moyer.

In Laconia, August 28, 1977, Jonathan Paul Buck, son of Paul & Katherine Buck.

In Laconia, October 17, 1977, Daryl Edward Smith, son of Edward and Vikki Smith.

In Plymouth, November 9, 1977, Russell Louis Poitras, son of Gary and Dora Poitras.

In Plymouth, December 5, 1977, William Paul Johnson Jr., son of William and Lucy Johnson.

Deaths

In Plymouth, December 12, 1977, Wilma W. Karkheck, age 73.

Town Clerk

Bonnie Lee Albert

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